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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL VANDENBERG:

SUBJECT: Unconventional Operations in China (JCS 1966/31)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The JCS approved a directive to the Chief of the Joint Subsidiary Plans Division (JSPD), ordering the latter to prepare a proposed memorandum from the JCS to the Secretary of Defense. The purpose of the memorandum is to request the Secretary of Defense to inform the Secretary of State that the JCS consider it desirable for the Central Intelligence Agency, Office of Policy Coordination (CIA/OPC) to initiate unconventional warfare in China (Tab 1).

II. CURRENT CONSIDERATION

2. JCS 1966/31 recommends that a memorandum be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense recommending that he request the Secretary of State to issue appropriate policy guidance to the CIA/OPC to effect covert operations in China (Tab 2).

3. The JSPD changed the term of reference "unconventional operations" to "covert operations" in order to make it conform more nearly to the CIA/OPC charter. The change is in effect a difference without a significance and is not objectionable.

III. RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that you approve JCS 1966/31.

AF approved 20 July 50.

T. H. Landon

TRUMAN H. LANDON
Major General, USAF
Director of Plans

COORDINATION
Army, G-3-Col Deane, 73032, concurs
Navy-Capt Knoll, 55920, concurs

Lt Col Kelly/gaw/74547
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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL VANDENBERG:

SUBJECT: Unconventional Warfare in China

I. CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS

1. General Collins intends to propose the attached memorandum to the meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff today. It recommends that Admiral Stevens, the Chief of the Joint Subsidiary Plans Division be directed to prepare a memorandum to the Secretary of Defense requesting that the latter inform the Secretary of State that the JCS considers it highly desirable that CIA/OPC initiate unconventional operations in China.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that you approve General Collins proposal today.

T. H. Landon

THOMAS H. LANDON
Major General, USAF
Director of Plans and Operations

Col. Grover/ra/74547
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DECISION ON J.C.S. 1966/30

A Memorandum by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

on

UNCONVENTIONAL OPERATIONS IN CHINA

Note by the Secretaries

1. At their meeting on 10 July 1950 the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendation set forth in paragraph 2 of J.C.S. 1966/30.

2. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of J.C.S. 1966/30.

W. G. LALOR,

J. H. IVES,

Joint Secretariat.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

UNCONVENTIONAL OPERATIONS IN CHINA
Reference: J.C.S. 1966 Series

1. I have investigated the possibility of utilizing unconventional operations, to be conducted in China by the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), Central Intelligence Agency, to reduce the Chinese Communist capabilities to reinforce North Korean forces, to attack Formosa, and to support Viet Minh forces. I am informed that a potential for unconvential operations exists in China. It appears to me that, if properly exploited, this potential can be directed toward the aforementioned reduction of Chinese Communist capabilities.

2. In furtherance of my conviction that we must utilize all available means to insure that the Presidential decisions of 27 June 1950 are successfully implemented, I recommend that Admiral Stevens be directed to prepare, as a matter of priority, a memorandum for the Secretary of Defense requesting that the latter inform the Secretary of State that the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider it highly desirable that OPC initiate, at the earliest practicable date, unconventional operations in China to reduce the Chinese Communist capabilities to reinforce North Korean forces, to attack Formosa, and to support Viet Minh forces. The memorandum should further request that the Secretary of State, if he concurs, issue appropriate directives to OPC to effect the foregoing.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:

Subject: Unconventional Operations in China.

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have investigated the possibility of utilizing covert operations in China, to be conducted by the Office of Policy Coordination of the Central Intelligence Agency, to reduce the Chinese Communist capabilities to reinforce North Korean forces, to attack Formosa, and to support Viet Minh forces. A potential for covert operations exists in China. It appears that if properly exploited this potential can be directed toward the reduction of Chinese Communist capabilities. It is believed essential that all available means be utilized to insure that the Presidential decisions of 27 June 1950 be successfully implemented.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that you inform the Secretary of State that they consider it highly desirable that the Office of Policy Coordination of the Central Intelligence Agency initiate, at the earliest practicable date, covert operations in China, and that he issue appropriate policy guidances to effect the foregoing.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

(SIGNED)

OMAR N. BRADLEY,
Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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